

## ANSWERING REVIEWERS



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Dear Editor,

Please find enclosed the edited manuscript in Word format (file name: 2429-review.doc).

**Title:** \_\_Non-alcoholic fatty liver disease- the heart of the matter. Cardiovascular complications of non-alcoholic fatty liver disease.

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The manuscript has been improved according to the suggestions of reviewers:

Specifically we have kept the section on the metabolic syndrome and the figure and Table 1 in view of the intimate connection between the metabolic syndrome and NAFLD. This requires that physicians be aware of how to identify the metabolic syndrome and since the readers are an international audience the differing definitions ,we believe, are relevant.

We have changed the order of the paragraphs in order to improve the readability.

I am a native English speaker, and a graduate of Oxford University. I have reviewed the grammar and spelling and corrected the typos.

We have shortened Table 2.

We have decided to limit the discussion on cerebrovascular disease and peripheral vascular disease related to NAFLD since this topic has recently been extensively reviewed (Ballestri et al [World J Gastroenterol](#). 2014 Feb 21;20(7):1724-45. doi: 10.3748/wjg.v20.i7.1724.).

We have added on a summary sentence at the end of the paragraphs.

We have elected to include the recommendation for a screening echocardiogram in the last paragraph.

We hope that this revised manuscript will now be found suitable for publication the *World Journal of Hepatology*

Sincerely yours,

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